

1 Claim 3 (currently amended) A ~~The~~ universal stud for use with
2 demountable wall partitions and demountable ceiling panels ~~as defined in~~
3 ~~claim 12 further~~ comprising

4 (a) at least one base having a first end and a second end, the
5 base having sufficient structure for removably engaging
6 only one of a demountable wall partition and a
7 demountable ceiling panel, and

8 (b) a plurality of arms extending from the base such that two
9 arms and the base define a channel for receiving one of
10 the demountable wall partition and the demountable
11 ceiling panel,

12 wherein the plurality of arms comprises

13 (1) a first arm extending from the first end of the base,

14 (2) a second arm extending from the second end of the
15 base,

16 (3) a third arm extending from the base closer to the
17 first arm than the second arm,

18 (4) a fourth arm extending from the base closer to the
19 second arm than the first arm and between the
20 third arm and the second arm, such that

21 (5) an exterior channel is defined by the first arm, the
22 third arm and the base therebetween,

23 (6) an interior channel is defined by the third arm, the
24 fourth arm and the base therebetween,

25 (7) an inner channel is defined by the fourth arm and
26 the second arm,

27 whereby the channels receive and removeably secure at least one of
28 the demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling panel between
29 the channels such that the universal stud can be oriented to accept a
30 demountable wall partition, or, can be oriented to receive at least one of the
31 demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling panel-, and the
32 universal stud further comprising:

33 (a) a second base having a first end and a second end, the
34 base having sufficient structure for removably engaging
35 at least one of the demountable wall partition and the
36 demountable ceiling panel, with the second end of the

37 second base fixedly secured to the second end of the first
38 base at a predefined angle,
39 (b) a plurality of arms extending from the second base, the
40 plurality of arms comprising
41 (1) a first arm extending from the first end of the base,
42 (2) a second arm extending from the second end of the
43 base,
44 (3) a third arm extending from the base closer to the
45 first arm than the second arm,
46 (4) a fourth arm extending from the base closer to the
47 second arm than the first arm and between the
48 third arm and the second arm, such that
49 (5) an exterior channel is defined by the first arm, the
50 third arm and the base therebetween
51 (6) an interior channel is defined by the third arm, the
52 fourth arm and the base therebetween
53 (7) an inner channel is defined by the fourth arm and
54 the second arm

55 whereby the channels receive and removeably secure at least one of
56 the demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling panel between
57 the channels.

1 Claim 4 (currently amended) The universal stud for use with
2 demountable wall partitions and demountable ceiling panels as defined in
3 claim ~~42~~ 3 further comprising means for removably securing the stud to the
4 partition.

1 Claim 5 (previously presented) The universal stud for use with
2 demountable wall partitions and demountable ceiling panels as defined in
3 claim 4 wherein the means for removably securing the stud to the partition
4 adapted to be selected from the group consisting of screws, nails, removable
5 pins, adhesive, releasable adhesive, caulk and straps.

1 Claim 6 (previously presented) The universal stud for use with
2 demountable wall partitions and demountable ceiling panels as defined in
3 claim 4 wherein one demountable wall partition or demountable ceiling
4 panel is used.

1 Claim 7 (previously presented) The universal stud for use with
2 demountable wall partitions and demountable ceiling panels as defined in

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3 claim 4 wherein two demountable wall partitions or demountable ceiling
4 panels are used such that a space is created therebetween.

1 Claim 8 (previously presented) The universal stud for use with
2 demountable wall partitions and demountable ceiling panels as defined in
3 claim 4 wherein three demountable wall partitions or demountable ceiling
4 panels are used such that a space is created therebetween.

1 Claim 9 (previously presented) The universal stud for use with
2 demountable wall partitions and demountable ceiling panels as defined in
3 claim 7 wherein two demountable wall partitions or demountable ceiling
4 panels are used with additional materials disposed in the space therebetween.

1 Claim 10 (previously presented) The universal stud for use with
2 demountable wall partitions and demountable ceiling panels as defined in
3 claim 8 wherein three demountable wall partitions or demountable ceiling
4 panels are used with additional materials disposed in the spaces
5 therebetween.

1 Claim 11 (previously canceled).

1 Claim 12 (currently canceled) ~~A universal stud for use with~~
2 ~~demountable wall partitions and demountable ceiling panels comprising:~~

3 ~~(a) — at least one base having a first end and a second end, the~~
4 ~~base having sufficient structure for removably engaging~~
5 ~~only one of a demountable wall partition and a~~
6 ~~demountable ceiling panel, and~~

7 ~~(b) — a plurality of arms extending from the base such that two~~
8 ~~arms and the base define a channel for receiving one of~~
9 ~~the demountable wall partition and the demountable~~
10 ~~ceiling panel,~~

11 ~~wherein the plurality of arms comprises~~

12 ~~(1) — a first arm extending from the first end of the base,~~

13 ~~(2) — a second arm extending from the second end of the~~
14 ~~base,~~

15 ~~(3) — a third arm extending from the base closer to the~~
16 ~~first arm than the second arm,~~

17 ~~(4) — a fourth arm extending from the base closer to the~~
18 ~~second arm than the first arm and between the~~
19 ~~third arm and the second arm, such that~~

20 ~~(5) — an exterior channel is defined by the first arm, the~~
21 ~~third arm and the base therebetween,~~